

REMARKS

Please enter the amendment and consider the arguments filed on September 18, 2007. The foregoing amendments are presented to further distinguish the present invention over the prior art of record. In addition to the arguments submitted on September 18, 2007, please consider the following remarks.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the moving means descends and ascends along a linear path so that the tension of the packing sheet is held at a constant value. Claim 1 has also been amended to recite that the print means is adapted to start printing after the packing sheet is conveyed by the conveyance portion and the position detecting means detects the descending position.

Claim 5 has been amended to recite that the print means is adapted to start printing after the packing sheet is conveyed by the conveyance portion and tension detecting means detects a predetermined tension of the packing sheet.

In the Jones printer, the arm 18 moves pivotally while the moving means of the present invention descends and ascends along a linear or straight path.

Also, the position switch 20b of Jones operates to detect a lower pivoted position of lever 18 to turn off the drive motor of the supply roll 12. In contrast, the position detecting means of the present invention detects the descending position of the moving means to start printing.

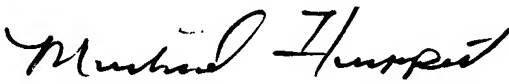
Furthermore, even if the arm 18 and the position switch 20b of Jones could be incorporated in the apparatus of Inamura, the resulting combination would still not meet the limitations of independent claims 1, 5 and 6.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested to pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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